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3. The ionization method and associated apparatus described on pages 764 and 765 of  
the above publication describe my own work.

4. The undersigned Shigeru Suzuki declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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